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TAGS: PEPR, PK  
SUBJECT: PAKISTAN AND THE COMMONWEALTH

REF: A) ISLAMABAD 558; B) LONDON A-44

DURING CALL ON NEW HEAD OF FCO SOUTH ASIA DEPT.,  
WILLIAM KELVIN WHITE, ON FEB. 15, EMBOFF ASKED IF  
PAKISTAN HAD FOLLOWED THROUGH ON THE CALLAGHAN-QA  
DISCUSSIONS ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF PAKISTAN'S RE-  
JOINING THE COMMONWEALTH. IN HIS REPORT TO PARLIAMENT  
ON THE VISIT (REFAIR B), CALLAGHAN HAD STATED THAT HE  
HAD TOLD ZIA THAT IF IT WAS THE GENERAL VIEW IN  
PAKISTAN THAT THE COUNTRY SHOULD REJOIN THE COMMONWEALTH,  
ZIA "SHOULD DISCUSS IT WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL  
OF THE COMMONWEALTH SIR SHRIDATH RAMPHAL, AND INVITE  
HIM TO RAWALPINDI SO THAT HE CAN CARRY THE MATTER  
FURTHER." WHITE INFORMED EMBOFF THAT HE THOUGHT  
ZIA WOULD PROBABLY NOT RPT NOT FOLLOW THROUGH BY  
SEEKING RAMPHAL OUT, SINCE A CURRENT OF OPINION HAS  
DEVELOPED IN PAKISTAN WHICH OPPOSES HAVING THE COUNTRY  
APPEAR TO BE IN THE POSITION OF A SUPPLICANT OR "SUB-  
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SERVIENT TO THE BRITISH AND AMERICANS," ON THE THEORY  
THAT BOTH OF THE LATTER WISH PAKISTAN TO REJOIN.  
THE PAKISTANIS WOULD NEVER ALLOW THEMSELVES TO BE  
SUBJECTED TO A POSSIBLE BLACK-BALLING FOR RENEWED  
MEMBERSHIP, SAID WHITE. AT THE SAME TIME, HE THOUGHT  
PAKISTAN ALMOST WANTS AN INVITATION TO COME BACK.  
THE PROBLEM IS HOW TO GET IT. IT WILL HAVE TO BE

STAGE-MANAGED, AND THE PROCESS WILL REQUIRE SOME  
TACT AND TIME. AN OCCASION MIGHT ARISE, WHITE  
SPECULATED, IN WHICH ZIA WOULD ENCOUNTER RAMPHAL IN  
THE CORRIDOR OF A MEETING, IN WHICH CASE AN OPPORTUNITY  
WOULD BE PRESENTED.

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